



NOMINATION FORM

Use this form to nominate a group or individual for the Climate Adaptation Leadership Award presented by the National Fish, Wildlife, and Plants Climate Adaptation Strategy's Joint Implementation Working Group in partnership with the Department of the Interior (DOI), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Forest Service (USFS), and the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA).

Nominators should review the criteria for these awards at the end of this form, and available online at www.wildlifeadaptationstrategy.gov, before completing this form.

Submission Instructions:

Please submit your nomination by e-mailing your completed nomination form and any supporting materials (see Section 5) to dpalmeri@fishwildlife.org with the subject line "Climate Adaptation Leadership Award" by 8:00 pm EST on January 22, 2016 (NEW DATE). Applications sent after this date will not be considered.

Award Announcement:

Awardees will be notified in February 2016. Each Award will consist of a personalized plaque as well as travel support to attend the Award presentation.



Section 1: Nominee Information

1. Who are you nominating (select one)?

An individual for their contribution to an innovative and successful climate adaptation project, program, or initiative

An individual for their overall contribution to increasing the resilience of fish, wildlife, plants, habitats or ecosystems.

An agency, organization or group for an innovative and successful climate adaptation project, program, or initiative

An agency, organization or group for their overall contribution to increasing the resilience of fish, wildlife, plants, habitats or ecosystems.

2. For Individual Awards

Name of Nominee:			
Title:			
Organization:			
Phone:		E-mail:	
Address:			
City, State Zip:			

For Agency/Organization/Group Awards

Name of Agency/Organization/Group:			
Lead Contact:			
Title:			
Phone:		E-mail:	
Address:			
City, State Zip:			



3. For agency/organization/group awards, list any additional names and contact information for partners.

Section 2: Nominator Information

Your Name:

Title:

Organization:

Phone:

E-mail:

Address:

City, State Zip:

Describe your relationship/affiliation with the person or group you are nominating



Section 3: Nomination

1. Describe how the National Fish, Wildlife, and Plants Climate Adaptation Strategy goals have been implemented by this project or advanced by this individual, group, or organization? (Projects may reference multiple goals).
 - Goal 1: Conserve habitat to support healthy fish, wildlife, and plant populations and ecosystem functions in a changing climate;
 - Goal 2: Manage species and habitats to protect ecosystem functions and provide sustainable commercial, subsistence, recreational and cultural use in a changing climate;
 - Goal 3: Enhance capacity for effective management in a changing climate;
 - Goal 4: Support adaptive management in a changing climate through integrated observation and monitoring and use of decision support tools;
 - Goal 5: Increase knowledge and information on impacts and responses of fish, wildlife, and plants in a changing climate;
 - Goal 6: Increase awareness and motivate action to safeguard fish, wildlife, and plants in a changing climate; and
 - Goal 7: Reduce non-climate stressors to help fish, wildlife, plants, and ecosystems adapt to a changing climate.



2. Nomination Summary (150 words) – Please provide a succinct summary of your nomination. This summary should clearly describe why this individual, group or organization is deserving of the Climate Adaptation Leadership Award and how they implement specific goals of the National Fish, Wildlife, and Plants Climate Adaptation Strategy.

3. Nomination Narrative (1500 words maximum) – Please describe the nominee's contribution to climate resilience in detail. Make sure to describe how the nominee's work meets the award criteria (projects should be proactive, innovative, effective, replicable, and collaborative) and links to the National Fish, Wildlife, and Plants Climate Adaptation Strategy.



3. Nomination Narrative (continued)



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Section 4: References – Please submit contact information for three references who can verify the nominee’s work. Please include their name, organization, title, phone number and e-mail.

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Section 5: Optional Supporting Materials – You may submit up to ten pages of additional supporting documentation such as resumes or CVs, articles, publications, reports, book excerpts and other materials that provide relevant support to the nomination. Please send these to dpalmeri@fishwildlife.org as an attachment with the subject line “Climate Adaptation Leadership Award” along with your nomination form.



Eligibility

- Both government (federal, state, tribal, and local) and non-governmental organizations are eligible.
- Individuals and organizations may submit nominations. Self-nominations and third party nominations are acceptable.
- Individuals and organizations should be based in the United States and focus primarily on U.S. resources.
- Individual and organizations can represent sectors other than natural resources (air, forests, soils, water, fish, wildlife and plants), but must demonstrate how their work has tangible impacts on natural resources conservation.
- Nominations may be for efforts that are ongoing or recently completed.

Criteria

Nominations must address one or more of the goals identified in NFWPCAS (www.wildlifeadaptationstrategy.gov/).

- Goal 1: Conserve habitat to support healthy fish, wildlife, and plant populations and ecosystem functions in a changing climate;
- Goal 2: Manage species and habitats to protect ecosystem functions and provide sustainable commercial, subsistence, recreational and cultural use in a changing climate;
- Goal 3: Enhance capacity for effective management in a changing climate;
- Goal 4: Support adaptive management in a changing climate through integrated observation and monitoring and use of decision support tools;
- Goal 5: Increase knowledge and information on impacts and responses of fish, wildlife, and plants in a changing climate;
- Goal 6: Increase awareness and motivate action to safeguard fish, wildlife, and plants in a changing climate; and
- Goal 7: Reduce non-climate stressors to help fish, wildlife, plants, and ecosystems adapt to a changing climate.

Nominations will be reviewed and ranked based on the following criteria:

- **PROACTIVE:** Promotes preparation and response in ways that advance the resilience of natural resources in a changing climate.
- **INNOVATIVE/TRANSFORMATIVE:** Develops and/or applies innovative tools/approaches to advance the resilience of natural resources in a changing climate.
- **RESULTS/EFFECTIVENESS:** Employs highly effective proven strategies and/or obtains results in improving resilience of natural resources and/or resource-dependent communities to a changing climate.
- **REPLICATION:** Project is being replicated elsewhere or has high potential for replication (e.g., across regions, sectors or nation-wide).
- **COLLABORATIVE:** Demonstrates outstanding collaboration to advance the resilience of natural resources in a changing climate.